

SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF DELAWARE

HENRY duPONT RIDGELY  
PRESIDENT JUDGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE  
OF THE  
PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

NO. 96-2

RE-ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN PENDING CRIMINAL CASES

This 22nd day of May, 1996, with the concurrence of the Judges of the Superior Court,  
**IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

(1) New Castle County Division II criminal cases in which defendants are held in pre-trial detention for 180 days or longer as of this date are re-assigned and divided among the Criminal and Civil Divisions of New Castle County pro-rata by number of Judges. Cases which have been individually assigned previously by the President Judge shall remain with the assigned Judge. The Court Administrator shall provide a list of re-assigned cases by Division to the Criminal and Civil Division Chiefs, to the Attorney General, to the Public Defender, and to New Castle County Contract Attorneys.

(2) For each of the above criminal cases, a Final Case Review shall be scheduled which shall serve as the deadline for the submission of any Rule 11(e) Plea Agreement. The date of each Final Case Review is subject to extension by a Judge for good cause shown. A plea offer must be communicated between counsel prior to Final Case Review. At Final Case Review the assigned prosecutor shall certify that all discovery requested has been provided, that automatic discovery is complete, or shall show good cause that an extension is necessary. Prior to each Final Case Review the assigned prosecutor shall have communicated with the complaining witness. Good faith efforts will be mandated on all sides to resolve the matter. If a defendant's case is not resolved at Final Case Review, the case shall be set for trial before a Judge within the assigned Division. On the trial date, the Court will not accept a plea of guilty except as charged nor will the Court accept a Rule 11(e)(1)(C) plea agreement that a specific sentence is the appropriate disposition of the case.

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- (3) An original of this Administrative Directive shall be filed with each Prothonotary.



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President Judge

oc: Prothonotaries  
xc: Superior Court Judges  
Superior Court Commissioners  
Attorney General M. Jane Brady  
Public Defender Lawrence M. Sullivan  
New Castle County Contract Attorneys  
Court Administrator  
Case Scheduling Offices  
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